

The News Spreader



April 2026



Swing Into Spring: Square Dance Showdown!

The 12th Annual Quebec 4-H Provincial Square Dance Competition took place on March 28th in the ballroom of the Centennial Centre at Macdonald Campus. This year, 11 teams from across Quebec and Eastern Ontario came together to compete in three age categories. Volunteers from the Ormstown 4-H Club helped set the stage—quite literally—by assembling the dance floor for the day. It was a fantastic event, with the venue filled with dancers, families, and square dance enthusiasts.

Quebec 4-H President and Master of Ceremonies for the day, Christina Knox, welcomed everyone and kicked off the competition with the Cloverbud category, where two teams took the floor. The Junior category featured the largest group, with five teams competing. A new element was introduced this year in the Senior category: a compulsory call. House caller Erin Scoble challenged dancers' skills and adaptability by surprising them on stage with one of two preselected dances.

While the judges deliberated, participants had the opportunity to refuel with snacks before returning to the floor for the open dance. Callers of all ages and experience levels took turns leading, as squares filled with members, families, and friends from across the province.

A sincere thank you goes out to all of our volunteers, our judges Kyra Kalweit and Barb Scott Cole, and the Neil McKay Band for helping make the day such a success.

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Provincial Square Dance Competition 2026 Results



Champion Junior Caller

- Amy Sheppard (Shawville) - pictured right far left

Reserve Champion Junior Caller

- Olivia McOuat (Lachute) - pictured right far left

Cloverbuds

- 1st place - Ormstown Polkadots
- 2nd place - Lachute Cloverbuds

Juniors

- 1st place - Shawville Intermediates
- 2nd place - Shawville Juniors
- 3rd place - Ormstown Checkered

Seniors

- 1st place - Prescott County 4-H Blue Team
- 2nd place - Shawville Seniors
- 3rd place - Ormstown Seniors



picture above: Ormstown Polkadots



picture above: Prescott County 4-H Blue Team



picture above: Shawville Intermediates

Thank you!



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CLUB CORNER

KEEPING UP WITH OUR CLUBS!

LACHUTE



By Alicia Plouffe-Simon & Olivia McOuat

Fundraiser Dance

On Saturday March 7th, 2026 the Lachute 4-H club held their fundraiser dance. It was very exciting to have the County Lads able to perform this year. At the fundraiser dance there was a silent auction as well as a raffle. The night started off with square dancing and then the dance. The County Lads performed until one o'clock.



Public Speaking Meeting

On Thursday April 9th, 2026 the Lachute 4-H club held a 4-H meeting about Public Speaking and there were 16 people who attended. Our guest speaker was Mrs. Vero, a teacher from the Laurentian Regional High School. This meeting taught us how to make a speech for public speaking at rally. We learnt several things such as Ethos, Pathos and Logos! We also did a debating activity. It ended around 8:30.





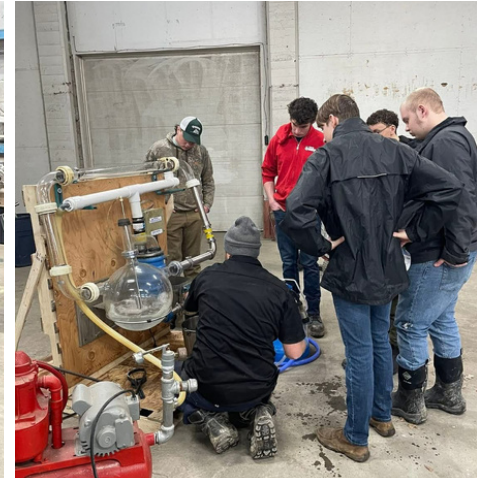
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ORMSTOWN



By Maeve McIntyre



March was a busy month for the Ormstown 4-H club!

In addition to the new horse club hosting their first meeting, we had an awesome clinic where members learned about milk pumps and how to fix them, a great skill for our young dairy farmers!

The following weekend, members headed down to the Ormstown fairgrounds and did some exciting renovations on our Agricultural Awareness barn. Members built a stage to give presentations throughout the fair; this means the club will have the chance to practice some public speaking skills in the near future!

Finally, the club had four teams participate in the Quebec 4-H Square Dance Competition. Our dancers are looking forward to compete at the Vankleek Hill and Ormstown competitions!





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RICHMOND



By Aurelia Lemlin



On February 18th some of us went to Agretix to learn some things about being a mechanic like how to change a tire, how to do an oil change and much more!!!! Thank you to the 2 volunteers who helped with showing what to do!

On February 21st we had an amazing meeting at Ferme Alsum. We learned all about Dairy and Rabbits and we had a dog breed quiz.

In March, we had 5 members attend the Ag tour in Sawyerville, and we got amazing feedback from them!

On March 12th, the Richmond 4-H Square Dancers performed a small dance for the residents at the Wales Home. When we were all done with our dances, we were able to enjoy a delicious cookie and their legendary Punch.

On March 18th, we all gathered at St. Francis Elementary School to learn about construction working. We learned how to change a door handle, use drills and much more! Thank you to the people who volunteered to show us all what to do and how to use the tools. We all had a great time!

On March 22nd, we were able to be in the Richmond ST. PATRICK'S PARADE. We all had a great time! It was super fun, and we also spotted some new 4-H members on the float. Thank you to all the parents who were brave enough to help even with the chilly weather!

Q: Why Won't The Dog Listen To The Farmer's Sheep Jokes?
A: Because He's HERD Them All !!!!!!!!





LEADER LINK



Leader Rally Call

When: April 29th at 7 pm

Why: To share info about this year's Rally and the registration process.

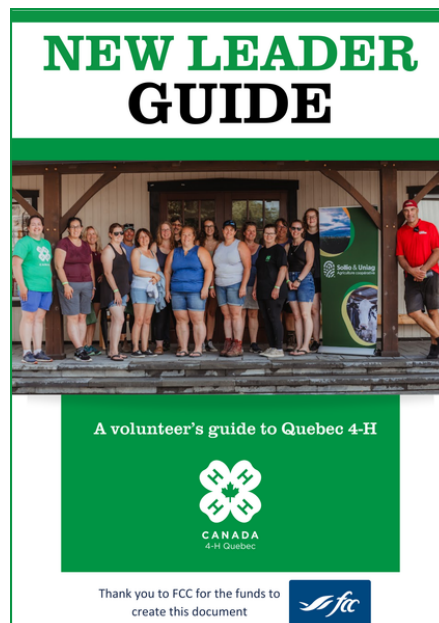
Who: Club leaders and volunteers helping clubs prepare for Rally.

Where: Via video call: <https://meet.google.com/xqn-jvup-oyd>

If there is anything you would like to make sure that we cover please feel free to send Gillian a quick email at coordinator@quebec4-H.com to add it to the agenda.

Rally registration is scheduled to open on May 19th and we will be having a participant call on May 21st for anyone with questions or having issues.

Have you seen the 1st draft of our New Leader Guide?



We'd love your feedback or thoughts on what you'd like to see included!



Did you know we have a Quebec 4-H Leaders Facebook group?

Here you can connect with leaders from other clubs to share successes, challenges, and ask questions.



PROVINCIAL UPDATES



Event Coordinator

We are excited to welcome Paige Frost back for another summer as the Quebec 4-H Summer Event Coordinator. Paige will be working on programs such as Rally, Cloverbud Day, and Summer Junior Camp!

Paige will be starting in May and can be reached at

- events@quebec4-h.com



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 23, 2026

SAVE THE DATE



- AGM is open to all members and volunteers
- Taking place at Quinn Farm
- 9 am to 1 pm
- Lunch and snacks included

Rally Life Skills Class Updates

- Diorama of your favorite sports playing field/pitch **or other play area** using a shoe box or other container as a base. (Maximum size 12"x12")
- Create your own trading card **either handmade or digitally** representing yourself as a 4-H member. (Size 3"x4")
- Please note - food classes will be judged as soon and we are hoping to have a cooler location for them for the weekend.

Provincial Coordinator

Gillian MacDougall

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PROVINCIAL UPDATES



The Advanced Learning Retreat provides 4-H senior and proven members with a unique, hands-on opportunity to go behind the scenes of a Quebec business and gain a deeper understanding of how it operates.

This small-group experience encourages meaningful connections and inspires youth to apply what they've learned to their own futures.

Our first Advanced Learning Retreat will be taking place following AGM on May 23rd and our first business is Quinn Farm!

Stay tuned for more details!

NEW

May 23rd



PROGRAM

Members - 15 to 25

ADVANCED LEARNING RETREAT



2026 FEATURE
BUSINESS



Senior Members' Weekend is for members aged 15 to 25 and takes place overnight in the Montreal area.

Members have the chance to explore local attractions and participate in workshops — all while connecting with fellow 4-H members.

Senior Member Weekend will be taking place May 23rd to 24th (7:30 pm to 3 pm).

CHAPERONE NEEDED - We are looking for one or two other adults to help chaperone the weekend. If you are interested in helping please let Gillian know.



PROVINCIAL UPDATES



The 2026 Garden Challenge



Here are a few of the potential categories

- Heaviest Pumpkin
- Best Pumpkin Patch
 - garden presentation & care
- Most Unique Variety
 - heirloom, unusual colour/shape
- Jack-o-lantern Carving
- Pumpkin recipe challenge
- Funniest Pumpkin

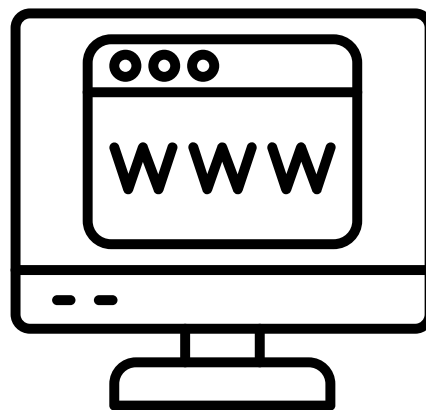
Have an idea for another category? E-mail Gillian to let her know - coordinator@quebec4-H.com



Quebec 4-H will be bringing in online animal project pre-registration for 2026. A few advantages of this are:

- Leaders will have access to their club's project lists in AssistExpo
- Shows will be able to compare show registration with the pre-registered animals.
- Clubs will be able to print off show documents
- Quebec 4-H will have more accurate statistics of what is being shown each year.

We appreciate your help and patience as we work to put this in place.



Our new website is up and running!

Check it out at

Quebec4-h.com

More resources, events, and news will continue to be added so make sure to keep checking in.



Office Assistant - Summer Position



Quebec 4-H is a non-profit community-based organization, dedicated to developing life skills of English speaking rural youth of Quebec. This goal is accomplished with activities at the grassroots level via the network of clubs, with provincial activities and by an affiliation with 4-H Canada for National and International programs.

Quebec 4-H is looking for an Office Assistant to support the coordination of 4-H programming, at a provincial and club level. The role will be approximately 35 hours per week for 8 weeks, with some flexibility in schedule including occasional weekend work. Hourly wage \$20. Potential start date June 22nd, 2026.

To be successful in this role you require:

- Knowledge of Google Workspace.
- Written and oral skills in both official languages.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Mobility to travel within the province.
- To be trained and screened according to 4-H Quebec policy
- Knowledge and appreciation of the agricultural community is an asset
- Willingness to occasionally work in varied environments (including youth camps & livestock barns)

The general responsibilities of the position are to provide office support and assist with the coordination of daily operations of Quebec 4-H, including but not limited to provincial activities and outreach.

- Collaborate with the team to plan, promote, advertise, and administer activities, such as Provincial Rally and Summer Junior camp.
- Aiding with the historical preservation of the organization.
- Correspond and support members, volunteers, and clubs.
- Prepare various communication documents, including newsletters and social media posts.
- Ensure compliance with relevant regulations and safety standards.

This role requires computer work and sitting, as well as physical work, including packing and lifting.

****The Office Assistant is unable to participate in Provincial Rally as a competitor****

As part of the Canada Summer Jobs program applicants must be between the ages of 15 to 30 years old.

Application Deadline: May 18th, 2025 Apply to: coordinator@quebec4-h.com.

4-H is open to all without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex or mental or physical disability. 4-H is dedicated to providing a safe and inclusive environment that allows for universal access and participation.



PROVINCIAL UPDATES



HAHA!

Funny Farm

What is a flower's favorite kind of pickle?

Answer:
A daffo-dill.

2026 Calendar of Events

Opportunity	Date	Host/Location
Annual General Meeting	May 23rd	Quinn Farm - Ile-Perrot
Advanced Learning Retreat	May 23rd	Quinn Farm - Ile Perrot
Senior Members Weekend	May 23 rd to 24th	Montreal Area
Cloverbud Day	July 4th	Ormstown
Summer Junior Camp	July 17 th to 19 th	Eastern Townships
Provincial Rally	July 30 th to August 2 nd	Lachute
AJRQ Classique	August 14 th to 16th	Victoriaville
Intermediate Leadership Conference	November 20 th to 22 nd	Orford

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**Do you have dates you would like to see
added to the calendar?**

**Interested in submitting an article or
photo?**

Send Gillian an email by May 25th!

Check us out on social media!



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NATIONAL NEWS



WE WANT YOUR

FEEDBACK

4-H Canada is starting to plan a future national youth event, and we want your input. Please take a few minutes to fill out the feedback form to tell us what matters most to you and how we can make future events better for 4-H youth.



Feedback deadline: Sunday, April 26th 11:59 EST

[4-H Canada National Youth Event Consultation](#) – Fill out form



Scan or click

**Now!
Open!**

4-H Canada 2026

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are open
April 1 - June 30, 2026

for details or to apply visit
4-h-canada.ca



APRIL'S GAME OF THE MONTH



Spot the 10 differences!

